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News Release

GREENVILLE ZOO HOSTS ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY

Event designed to challenge and entice zoo animals

Greenville, S.C. – The Greenville Zoo will challenge the intelligence of its animals and entice them with fun and interactive items during the zoo's annual Enrichment Day on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Heather Miller, Greenville Zoo Deputy Administrator for Animal Health, animal enrichment involves providing stimulating and challenging environments, objects and activities for animals and is as critical to an animal's well-being as having the right food or medical care. "The use of enrichment helps enhance animal activity, provide mental stimulation and even improve the success of captive breeding of endangered species."

Special events will include a hands-on children's activity table for making papier-mâché Easter eggs and cardboard puzzles to be used as future animal enrichment items. In addition, zookeepers and educational docents will be on hand throughout the day, interacting with zoo guests and explaining the process of enrichment. Special activities and zookeeper talks are scheduled at the following exhibits:

10:00 a.m. – Elephant Exhibit - Pachyderm Pops

10:30 a.m. - Lion Exhibit - Savannah Stalk

11:00 a.m. - Tortoise Exhibit - Watermelon Crawl

11:30 a.m. - Squirrel Exhibit - Peanut Party

11:45 a.m. - Spider Monkey and Guenon Exhibit - Easter Egg Hunt

Noon – Ocelot Exhibit - Minnow Madness

12:30 p.m. – Farm Yard - Pig Play Time

1:00 p.m. - Alligator Antics

1:30 p.m. – Orangutan Exhibit - Enrichment Extravaganza
2:00 p.m. – Giraffe Exhibit - Jolly Giants
2:30 p.m. - Elephant Expressions (Joy will create a painting)

About the Greenville Zoo

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), the Greenville Zoo is rated one of the best tourist attractions in South Carolina, attracting over 270,000 people annually. Operated by the City of Greenville, the 14-acre facility features wildlife from around the world, including elephants, giraffes, monkeys and giant tortoises. Visitors can also enjoy one of the zoo's most popular exhibits, the Reptile Building, which is home to a variety of lizards, frogs, turtles and snakes.

The Greenville Zoo is open seven days a week, except on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zoo entry ticket sales close at 4:15 p.m. Admission to the Greenville Zoo is \$8.75 for adults and \$5.50 for children (ages 3-15 years old). For more information about the Greenville Zoo, visit www.greenvillezoo.com or follow the zoo on Facebook at facebook.com/greenvillezoo.

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